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The reply filed on 8/22/01 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action (dated 5/22/01) because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendment does not address the written description rejection of claim 18 pertaining to a purified polypeptide comprising amino acids 1-45 of SEQ ID NO:2. Applicants response filed 1/8/02 (paper number 13) has provided a marked up copy of the claims and overcomes the non-responsive letter mailed by the Office on 12/17/01 (paper number 12), requiring a marked-up version of the amendments. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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